

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Lee M. Amaitis et al.  
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Sir or Madam:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This is a reply to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2008, and follows a Notice of Appeal and a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review filed by Applicant on May 4, 2009, and a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated May 27, 2009, all in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

As used herein, "we," "us," and/or "our" refer to the present Applicant.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page **3** of this paper; and **Remarks** begin on page **16** of this paper.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

On May 4, 2009, we filed, along with a Notice of Appeal, a petition for a three-month extension of time to extend the time for replying to the final Office Action to May 4, 2009.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), we hereby petition for a five-month extension of time following the Notice of Appeal and to respond to the final Office Action dated November 4, 2008. With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including **December 4, 2009**. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3938 in the amount of \$2,350.00 in connection with the petition for extension of time and to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.